(d) In a *suo-motu* proceedings in this matter, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, have directed the Archaeplogical Survey of India and the Government of uttar Pradesh to file a report in the matter. Further action will be taken in the light of the orders of the Apex Court.

Central assistance to Science City in Bangalore

1649. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for Science City in Bangalore to offer glimpses from the world of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will take steps to provide Central assistance to the proposed Science City?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since there is no budget provision for the purpose, it is not be possible to consider assistance to Science City project.

Book publishing scenario

1650. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the state of book publishing in India today;

(b) the number of books published in India during 2000-2001 as recorded in the National Library, Kolkata, language-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether the record in the National Library, Kolkata reflects the true picture; and

(d) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy it in the Book Year currently being celebrated in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) India has a vibrant book publishing industry and can be counted among the first seven publishing nations in the world, with about 60,000 new books